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Dana group Sevenfold to open Lost and Found concert

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Copy Editor

A band composed of four Dana students will perform in Borup Coliseum tonight as the opening act for Lost and Found.

The band, Sevenfold, consists of freshman Curtis Isaacson, sophomore Adam Martin, freshman Jill Wellensiek and junior Brian Jones.

Practicing and performing since January, Isaacson said the group is looking forward to this performance as a good experience and a chance for Dana students to listen to and judge the group for themselves.

Martin said he didn't know how to label the music Sevenfold plays, but he described it as a mixture of contemporary, alternative and folk using tight harmonies and acoustic sounds. Isaacson said the music is Christian music, but not campfire songs. "We don't put religion on a pedestal," he said.

Sevenfold began last fall when Martin, Isaacson and Wellensiek played for the campus ministry lock-

in on campus. "We threw the idea out then," said Wellensiek.

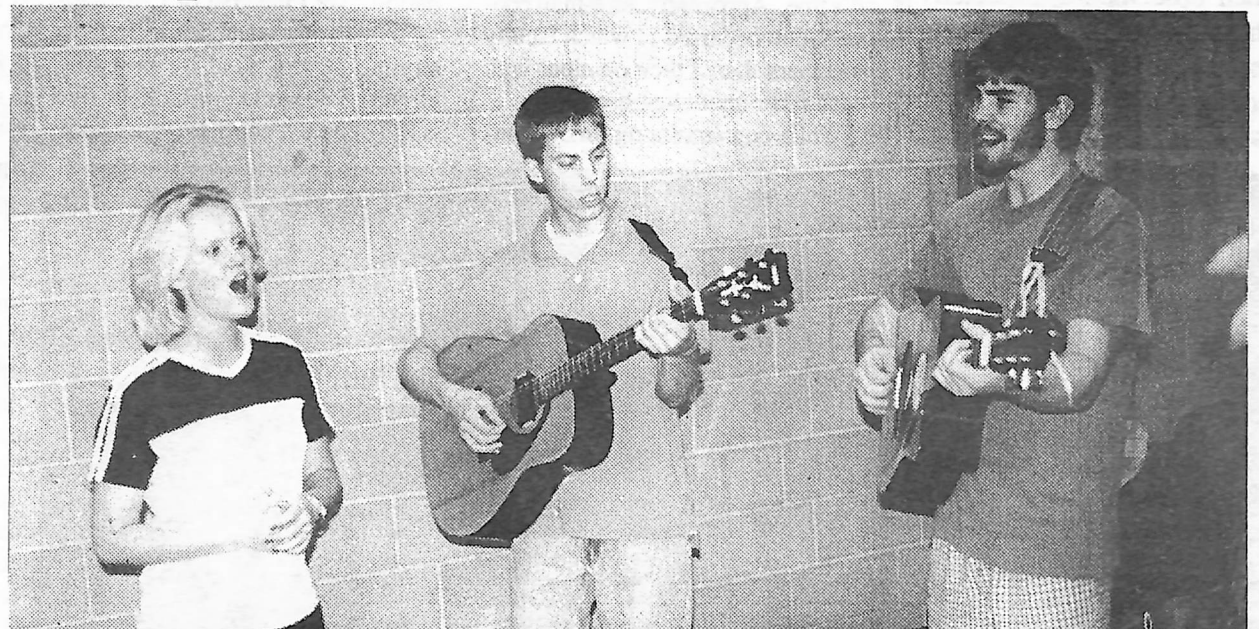
The group actually formed and began practicing over interim. Then they began playing at area church services and events. Isaacson estimates the group has completed over 16 performances. "We average five to six songs per performance," he said.

The group based their name on the Biblical passage found in Matthew 18:22. "Curt officially came up with it," Martin said. Wellensiek said, "We wanted something that had a good ring to it and was Biblically based."

Group members make different contributions to Sevenfold. Isaacson and Martin play guitar and sing. Jones plays percussion. Wellensiek sings and assists with percussion.

"We have 30-some songs to perform," Isaacson said. Martin and Isaacson have written some of those songs. Isaacson said he comes up with song ideas and sketches of basic chords. Martin and Wellensiek put in other guitar parts and harmonies.

"I've wanted to do this for many,



Members of Sevenfold, Jill Wellensiek, Curtis Isaacson and Adam Martin, rehearse in MFAC to prepare for their performance tonight as the opening act for Lost and Found. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

many years," said Martin who began playing guitar in the eighth grade and writing songs as a sophomore. "I've been in and out of groups, but I always wanted a group that sings music with meaning."

Wellensiek thought differently. She said, "I never saw myself as a part of

a group like this." She and Isaacson agreed that everything fell together and worked out just right in making Sevenfold a band.

The group agrees that they want to do more than simply make music. "We're not just singing to be singing," said Isaacson. "We want people

to think. They don't have to believe what we're singing, but if they think about, it's a start."

Martin said, "We're out to have fun and let other people have fun, too."

Sevenfold is performing tonight at 7:45 p.m. in Borup. The Lost and Found concert begins at 8 p.m.

Registration process improves

DEREK FEY
Reporter

The registration process has come a long way. According to registrar Nancy Penna, 12 years ago students were found waiting outside of the Madison Fine Arts Center to sign up for courses and it took several hours of waiting before registering. Now, after the adoption of a new registration process, students have many more options available.

One of the changes in the registration process is that students and faculty can access schedules on the World Wide Web. At the address

<http://www.dana.edu/regist>, students can find courses for the upcoming year, including summer and interim classes, and can also find their current semester schedules.

The process of registering now consists of a student/advisor meeting, which involves the faculty advisor signing up for the student's courses through the use of the web.

"The huge advantage to that is if you lose your printed copy, you can access it on the web," Penna said.

Another benefit of the new process is the adding and dropping of courses in your advisor's office.

"If you drop a class or want to add one, you can see how many spots are

available in the class," Penna said.

The other advantage of having access to student's schedules on-line is that if a student drops or adds a class and later forgets what he or she did, the student can just look at their new schedule on the web with no hassle.

"The computer services here are extremely proficient at their job," Penna said. "Their support is good and their help has been wonderful."

The main concern for Penna and the faculty has been the time factor. According to Penna, however, once the faculty member has signed up a few students, the time factor should become less of a problem.

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Senate begins anew

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

The 1998-99 Senators passed the torch to next term's Senators at the meeting Wednesday night. President Matt Kern called the final meeting of this year's Senate to order at 6:10 p.m.

Anne Christopherson, special projects coordinator, addressed the Senate and issued invitations to each member for the annual Arbor Day celebration. She thanked the Senate members for their support of special events this year.

Many student concerns were raised during the meeting. Senior Jackie Smith said that she has heard requests from students for newer and better copiers for students on campus. Freshman Jason Dannelly said he has heard students say they want the pool to be open during the evenings. Freshman Mark Sukraw said some students are requesting more paper for the residence hall printers. Secretary Becca Plowman said she had a report of the printer in Blair Hall being removed from the lab and placed in the kitchen. She asked the Senators to please remind students that a new printer would have to come out of Senate funds, not from the school. Lisa Decker brought up the issue about security cars parked in one of the spaces in the lot next to Argo Hall. She has heard complaints

from students about the security car taking up room that students could use.

The 1998-99 Senate closed with a discussion of the faculty/staff appreciation day set for May 4 at 9 a.m. They decided to plan the event at a later date.

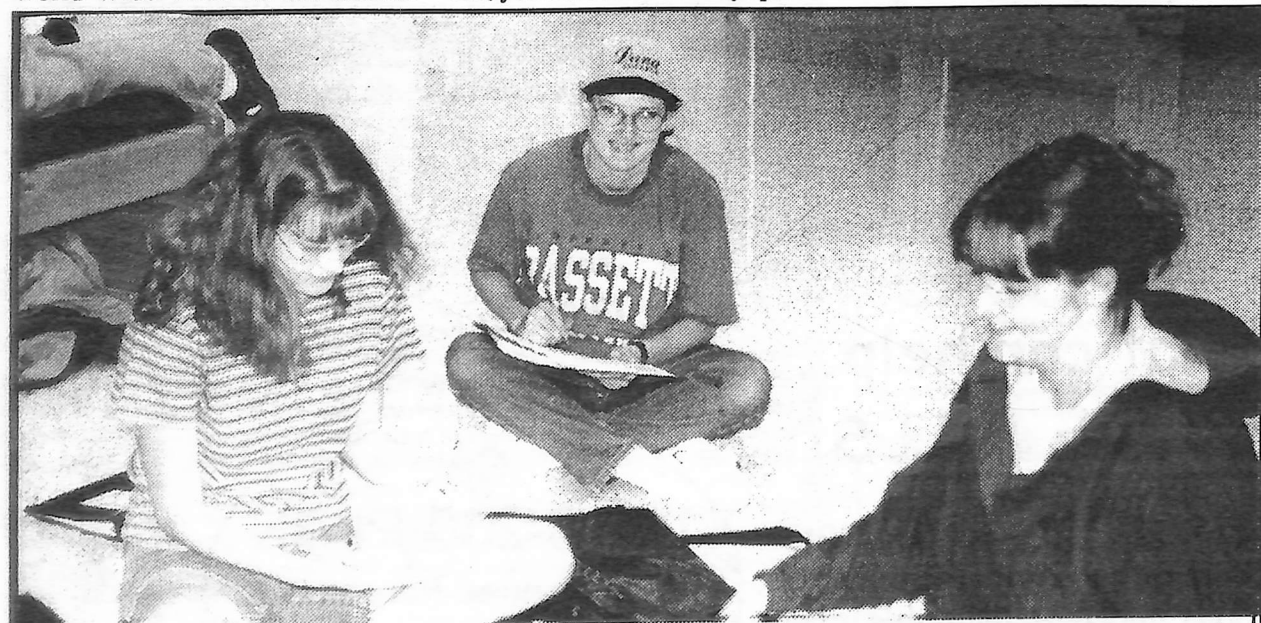
The Senate adjourned its meeting with a few final words from Kern. He wished the new Senate luck during its term next year.

Immediately after the Senate adjourned, the first meeting of the 1999-2000 Senate was called to order. President Mark Knudsen welcomed all the new Senators, as well as the veterans back to the Senate table.

The first order of business was to elect new chairs for the special committees. Senators volunteered to head the committees. The new chairs are as follows: Toni Ahrendt, budget committee; Decker, policy; Jill Oestmann, communications; Sukraw, recycling; and Dannelly, student concerns.

Knudsen reminded the Senators to attend the honors night reception on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Knudsen also asked the Senators for suggestions for possible faculty or staff sponsors of the Senate. Coach Jay Birmingham and Carrie Reed will not be able to serve as sponsors for the 1999-2000 school year.

Student Senate's next meeting will be on April 28 at 7 p.m.



The new registration process may have eliminated waiting in line, but residence hall selection still has a wait for those who choose to arrive early like Mary Miller, Jessica Clark and Allison Kline. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Editor's Note:

Last week's letters to the editor were submitted after an e-mail conversation regarding issues of human sexuality occurred between faculty and staff. In response to those letters, the *Hermes* extended an invitation to faculty and staff to submit their observations, especially those that had been previously expressed during this e-mail conversation.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

In response to last week's letters to the editor, I must admit that I am completely confused about what's going on with the homosexuality issue on campus. I have heard several rumors and know that just because I hear a rumor doesn't mean it's true. Apparently, an e-mail conversation occurred in which faculty members shared their opinions with each other about homosexuality.

While contemplating this, I wonder

why homosexuality is being made into such a big deal. We have all chosen to attend or work at Dana College. Some of us have white skin, some have black skin. Is this an issue? Why is homosexuality being made an issue? We all knowingly operate within an organization that embraces Christianity as a foundation. Isn't the goal of Christianity to help others and serve God? Is anyone serving God by breeding hatred? The world in which we live is full of hate. People are killing one

another because of differing beliefs. This is a big deal! How can we as a society strive to achieve something like world peace if we can't even accept others' points of view?

Everyone needs someone he or she can turn to. If people on this campus can find friendship, companionship and support by attending GL2 meetings, then I think they should be made more open so more people can know about them. As students, we have the expectation that Dana College and its faculty

and staff will do everything they possibly can to support us and to help us grow as productive members of a society that embraces diversity. As I see it, GL2 is just one more thing that can help people on this campus. Bringing people together in love is something that we can all be proud of. Let's remember what foundations this campus was built upon and treat others the way we would want to be treated.

Leslie Schroeter

Dear Editor,

In dealing with the homosexual conversations that are starting at Dana College, I hope our college community will keep in mind that we are all created in God's image and that we are all sinners. God loves everyone and we are commanded to do the same. But at the same time I also hope we keep in mind that God hates sin and we are commanded to hate sin and confess our sins.

When dealing with moral, ethical and value issues, I always turn to the Bible because I believe the Bible is the only true measurement that we have in trying to understand what is best for us and what is God's plan for our lives. As a Christian institution, I hope we will turn to the scriptures to find what God wants us to support and what he doesn't want us to support. God gave us his gift of the Bible, not to condemn us and hurt us, but to help us find the way to eternal life with Him and to give us direction for a better physical, social and emotional life here on earth.

When dealing with controversial issues such as homosexuality, I believe a person (or college community in this case) should first define homosexuality and then second, look to the scriptures to see if it is in God's

plan for us. My definition of homosexuality is the sexual acts that a man has with another man or a woman has with another woman. It is not a person, race, gender, etc. It is a sexual act. It is not just an intimate relationship that one man may have with another man or a woman with another woman, but it is a sexual relationship.

The next thing I think we should do is take that definition and go to the scriptures to see if it is in God's plan or not in God's plan. Genesis 2:24, Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1 Timothy 1:10-11 clearly indicate to me that homosexual activity is not in God's plan for our lives.

If we believe the scriptures say no to this practice, does it give us the right to dehumanize or bash those people who practice these acts? That is a clear NO! Should we insinuate in any way that it is okay to practice homosexual acts? Again, I believe that is a clear NO! I don't want to turn anyone away from the gospel, the church or Dana College because of their homosexual practices because I know I'm a sinner too, but if someone asks me if I think it is okay for two people of the same sex to have a sexual relationship, I will tell them as clearly and lovingly as I know how, "NO!" If they ask why, I will say, "Because God loves you and He says no, so it is in your best interest physically, emotionally and spiritually to stay away from homosexual practices."

Dave Jensen

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12:15 p.m. *Golden Spikes Baseball, meet in CC*

Sunday

1 p.m. *Searching for Egypt, Joslyn Art Museum, meet in CC*

7:30 p.m. *Junior Recital, Jason Heft, Trinity Chapel*

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. *Worship, Trinity Chapel*

2 p.m. *Evening Prayer Traditions in Hebrew and Lutheran Worship by Mark Levy and Joanne Richmond, Forum*

7 p.m. *Movie Night, CC*

7:45 p.m. *FCA campfire, meet in CC*

Wednesday

6:15 p.m. *Bingo at Good Shepard, meet in CC*

7 p.m. *presentation by National Geographic photographer and author Joel Sartore, DCC 125*

10 p.m. *Worship, Trinity Chapel*

Thursday

10:30 a.m. *Worship, Trinity Chapel*

Friday

8:15 p.m. *Cosmic Bowling, meet in CC*

Hall directors decide to move on after five-years at Dana

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

After a five-year stay on the campus of Dana College, this summer will bring an end to the hall director duties of Trent Pikula and JoAnn Stute. In their five years at Dana, Pikula and Stute have been very involved members of the Dana community and have had many challenging and rewarding experiences.

According to Pikula, his background in campus life and activities began when he was in college, where he was a resident assistant for two years.

"I had a very positive experience with my residence life staff and with student government in college," said Pikula. "These experiences helped me decide to become a hall director."

Stute, who enjoyed being a resident assistant and a program coordinator during college, said her plans for the future helped her decide to become a hall director.

"After I graduated with an English degree, I planned on going to graduate school," said Stute. "I knew that being a hall director would be a great job to have while going to school."

Pikula cited his initial arrival at Dana as one of his most memorable moments as hall director.

"Actually arriving at Dana College and starting the career I had chosen was very memorable for me," he said.

While Pikula's most memorable moment at Dana was one of anticipation, Stute recalled a more traumatic event.



Current hall directors Trent Pikula and JoAnn Stute are moving on at the end of this year. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

"One of the most memorable moments for me would be going into a student's room and finding a zoo—literally!" exclaimed Stute. "I found seven or eight mice, a few iguanas and a boa constrictor. I had to store them in a storage room behind my apartment until the resident or animal control could find an off-campus place for the animals."

While Pikula and Stute considered the lack of privacy and the irregular circumstances of their job to be the most difficult part of being a hall director, both felt that the benefits outweighed the inconveniences.

"As long as I am on this campus, I am at work," reflected Pikula. "Being able to see students succeed in their college experiences has been very rewarding for me," he added.

Pikula also noted that he has enjoyed watching the student activities program become very successful.

Stute said, "I have gotten to see tremendous growth in students from their freshman year through their

graduation from Dana."

Both Pikula and Stute look forward to fulfilling personal and professional goals in the future.

"Personal plans for me include moving closer to friends or family," said Pikula. "I'm probably going to pursue a career in facility management or something in student activities."

"I will be the director of conferences and events at Dana," said Stute. "We [she and her husband] will be living in a house—off-campus—and will be starting our family."

Both Pikula and Stute summarized the hall director position as a positive experience overall.

"It can be a real roller coaster job, but I've been happy and proud to do my jobs at Dana for the past five years," said Pikula.

Like Pikula, Stute believes that the work has its ups and downs, but she too looks back with fond memories of her five years as a hall director.

"I've enjoyed my time at Dana and with the students. It's kind of sad to see it end, but it's time for a change."

According to Stute, the office of residence life is currently accepting applications for next year's hall director positions, and interviews will be set for a later date.

Registration

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"I offered several training sessions, sent several instructions over e-mail and sent the faculty printed instructions," Penna said.

With student's schedules now available on the web, Penna said schedules will not be distributed through campus mail.

"If someone still needs something, we'll be happy to help them out in the office," Penna said.

The new process will be evaluated and one of the main concerns will be the time allowed for each class to sign up for courses. Returning seniors and juniors registered last week, with

sophomores finishing up registration today. Freshmen then will be given the chance to sign up for courses starting April 19.

"My ultimate goal is to be able to have students discuss course selections with their advisors and then enter their classes on their own," Penna said.

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Softball team gives fans late-inning thrills

DEREK FEY
Reporter

The Dana softball team has had its share of exciting games this season.

After a game-winning grand slam provided by sophomore Sarah Graham the week before against Hastings, the Vikings traveled to York April 8.

Dana wasted no time with York, as the Vikings won the first game of the doubleheader, 18-1.

Junior Jennifer Schneider pitched a one-hitter in the Dana victory. Schneider, the Vikings' ace pitcher, was coming off a no-hit performance against Hastings the week before.

"I know she's [Schneider] pitched more than I would like her to have to pitch," coach Kathy Foley said. "She's the one we want on the mound. She really is doing a great job for us."

It was senior Lisa Cady and junior Jessi Thomsen who provided the offense for the Vikings. Cady went 4-5 with a home run and five runs batted in and Thomsen hit 3-3 with four RBIs. Schneider and Graham combined for four RBIs and freshman Meaghan Shea drove in three with a 2-4 performance.

"At this particular point it's just refining things," Foley said. "We spent the first 15-20 games trying to get people in the right place."

In the second game of the doubleheader against York, the Vikings scored four runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Dana went into the final half-in-

ning with a six-run lead, but York fought back in their last at-bats of the game with four runs only to lose, 7-5.

Freshman Jamie Peters went 2-3 with two RBIs. Junior Lisa Shefland, freshman Lyndsy Walsh and Shea each drove in one. Schneider was the winning pitcher for the Vikings.

The Vikings hosted Midland Lutheran College last Tuesday. The Vikings were down 6-2 going in to the fifth inning, when Thomsen hit a three-run home run and freshman Amber Milner brought in one RBI.

With the score 6-6 going into the bottom of the seventh, Shefland brought in sophomore Amy Smith (pinch-running after a Graham single) for the game-winning RBI.

Thomsen provided the fireworks at the plate with the home run and a 2-3 performance. Schneider again was the winning pitcher for the Vikings.

The Vikings could not recover in the second game after a Midland three-run fourth inning. The Vikings lost the second game 7-4.

Graham went 3-4 with one RBI and Schneider hit 3-4, also bringing in one RBI.

"Obviously we want to have a winning season," Foley said. "I think we're playing great defense. But I don't think we're hitting the ball as well as we could."

The Vikings travel to Lincoln tomorrow for the NIAC round robin tournament and then will travel to Northwestern College on April 21.

"We feel that we have the potential to be conference champions," Foley said.

Dana men drop four to Hastings, recover against Mt. Marty

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

Two doubleheaders against Hastings in two days left the Dana baseball team reeling from four losses. However, the Vikings bounced back the next day to win both games of a doubleheader against Mt. Marty College.

On Sunday the Vikings traveled to Hastings for the first of the two doubleheaders. In a 6-5 loss, the Vikings batted nearly even with the Broncos as both teams had 10 hits and batting averages near .300. While pitcher Craig Wetterberg started the game, reliever Sam Breuklander took the loss. Joe Pope was the hot hitter of the game with two doubles and one single resulting in two runs batted in

and one run.

In the other game, Dana's team batting average was a chilly .200 in a 11-2 loss. Corey Johnson was the losing pitcher. On offense, the team was led by Jason Houston who went 2-4 with one run. Pope was 1-2 with a run and Kyle Murata contributed one RBI while going 1-2 at the plate.

Monday also featured two Viking-Bronco matchups, but this time at Peterson Field. However, the results were the same for the Vikings as they again picked up two losses.

In a 6-5 loss, the Vikings' bats were ice cold as they stranded nine runners with a .187 team batting average. However, the five runs came on only six hits. Aaron Woodard went four plus innings and relievers K.C. Tupa, Ryane Doi and Matt Kern all pitched in the game. Kern recorded the loss.

Fifteen scoring finishes for Vikings

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Despite windy weather conditions on Sunday, the Viking track team notched fifteen scoring performances at the All-Lutheran College Championships.

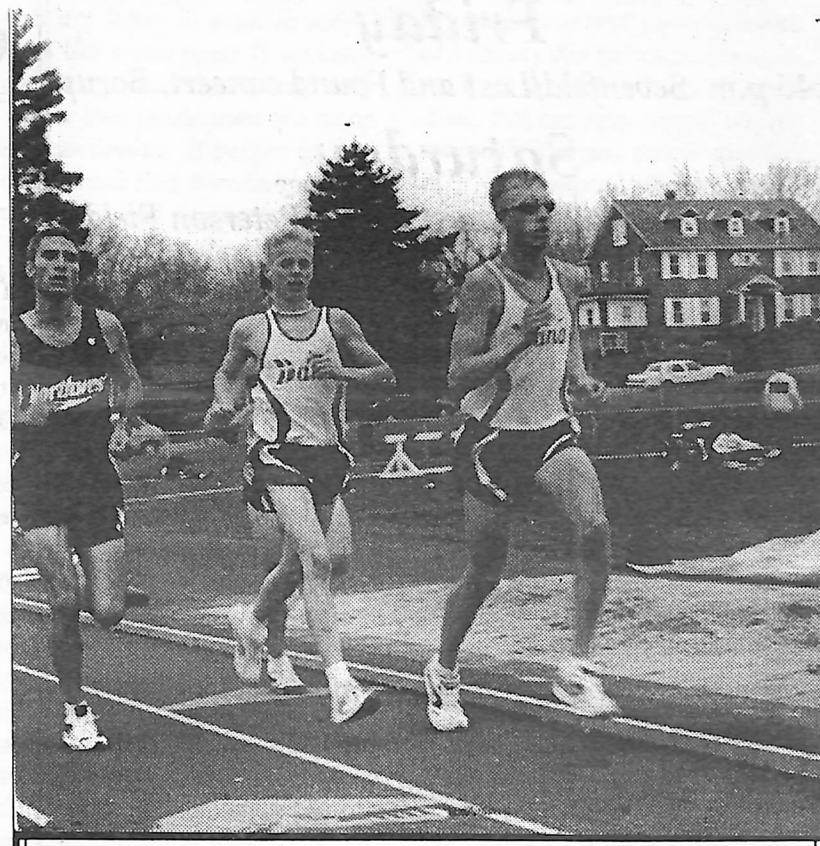
According to Coach Jay Birmingham, seven Lutheran schools from Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska competed in the meet that was held at Howard Wood Stadium in Sioux Falls, S.D. The meet was originally scheduled for Saturday, but adverse weather conditions prompted the one-day postponement.

Senior Bob Spangler's winning time of 15 minutes, 44.10 seconds in the men's 5,000-meter run was followed by freshman Derek Fey's clocking of 15:50.86.

Sophomore Justin Christensen overcame the 28 barriers and five water jumps of the steeplechase to place fourth in the event with a time of 9:58.46. Freshman John Tripp took fifth in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:21.00, while teammate Brandon Elwood, also a freshman, finished fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:03.58.

Elwood, Tripp, Fey and Christensen comprised the men's 800 relay squad, which took fourth place overall. The women ran to a fourth-place finish in the 4x800 and a sixth-place finish in the 4x100. Relay runners for the Lady Vikes were freshman Renee Boman, junior Sarah Klein, freshman Natalie Flynn and sophomore Tiffani Nielsen.

For the women, Nielsen ran the



Sophomore Aaron Schlote and freshman Allen Wagner compete in the 5,000-meter run during the Northwest Missouri State University Invitational in Maryville, Mo., on April 3. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

3,000 meters in 11:09.31. Her second-place finish was a top performance for the Dana women.

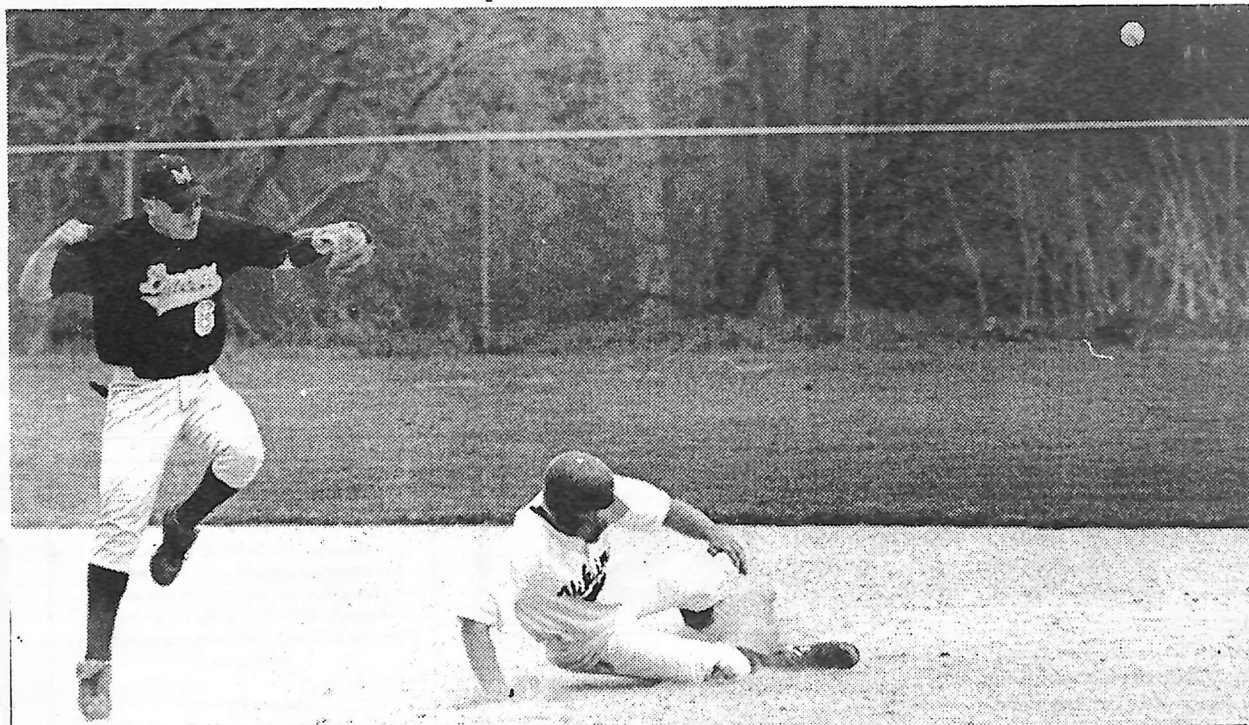
Junior Amber Weber tied for second in the high jump with a leap of 4-10. Weber also snagged fifth in the shot put with a throw of 27-10, which was a personal best. In addition to the high jump and shot put, Weber represented Dana in the long jump, the javelin throw and the 200-meter dash.

Sophomore Brooke Thomsen took

fourth in the high jump and sixth in the 100-meter hurdles. Thomsen also competed in shot put, javelin throw, 200-meter dash and the long jump.

Flynn finished the 1,500 meters with a time of 5:24.18, good for sixth. Freshman Sarah Thomas placed sixth in the discus throw with a toss of 105-1.

The 51st Doane College Relays will draw the Viking track team to Crete on Saturday. Tentative start time for the meet is 10 a.m.



During a game against Mt. Marty College on Tuesday, junior Sam Breuklander slides safely into base while the ball sails away from the Lancer infielder. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

Joe Pennucci knocked in two RBIs on a double while going 1-4 in the game and Rich Martell produced one RBI and two runs on 1-3 hitting.

Pitcher Tony Eitzmann went the distance for the Vikings in the other half of the doubleheader but picked up the 4-2 loss. Pennucci had both RBIs for Dana. Murata went 1-3 and scored one run while Woodard scored the other Viking run.

The offense came alive for the Vi-

kings during Tuesday's home doubleheader with Mount Marty. In the first game, Dana batters pounded out 11 runs on 11 hits and batted .440 as a team. Tupa picked up the win after relieving Martell, the starting pitcher. Pope was a perfect 3-3 at the plate, scoring twice with one RBI. Woodard and Martell both had two RBIs and Pennucci and Houston each scored twice.

In the nightcap, Dana again got the

best of Mt. Marty in a 11-7 victory. Supported by .346 team batting, Doi pitched four innings for the win and Breuklander picked up the save. Martell went 2-3 at the plate with two RBIs and two runs. Houston, Murata and Woodard also had two RBIs each for the offense. Houston and Pope each scored twice.

The Vikings will be action tomorrow at noon in a doubleheader against Doane at Peterson Field.